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## TOP FASHION RETAILER

Identifies internal loading pods as best defence against weather



A leading Scottish ladies fashion retailer is fitting sara LBS loading pods, complete with retractable shelters, internally to the loading bays of the new distribution warehouse it has acquired to accommodate its continuing expansion.

The retailer sells ladies' fashions, footwear and accessories through outlets across the UK and, increasingly, overseas. This network is growing, as is the company's on-line sales. As the business grows, its directors have been investing in increased warehouse

capacity and improved logistics facilities to make sure that it's able to keep up with orders.

When the company moved into the new facilities it soon became apparent that during spells of cold weather the warehouse temperature quickly dropped. This created an uncomfortable working environment and resulted in increased heating costs.

The retailer invited sara LBS's Area Sales Manager, Guy Windle, to offer suggestions on how to improve the facility. Assessing the situation, Guy

suggested that an internal dock loading pod in each bay may be the best option.

Sara LBS dock loading pods (or loading houses) are self-supporting enclosures which house a complete loading system independent of the main building structure. These are typically positioned on the outside of a building; however, for this application, the idea was to install the pods inside the warehouse and add a retractable shelter to the outside.

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# Nerak launches spiral conveyor range



## NERAK

**Nerak Wiese Ltd, the UK market leader in vertical elevation solutions, is launching a range of spiral conveyors.**

The Brecon-based company has continually widened its portfolio of solutions – which now includes a variety of pallet lifts; continuous platform elevators; multi-floor

mezzanine solutions; paternosters; and single- and multi-carriage reciprocating hoists – since its formation in 1992 but this is the first time it has offered spiral conveyors.

**One-stop-shop for vertical elevation**  
“We’re very excited about our new spiral conveyor range,” said Simon

Musgrave, Sales Director, “as it means we are now a ‘one-stop-shop’ for vertical elevation needs. We had some very promising discussions about these new solutions with both existing and potential clients at the IMHX show recently. There is obviously demand for these high-quality products in combination with our established expertise. Of course,” continued Simon Musgrave,

“we’re here to give customers unbiased advice regarding the right solution for their precise application.”

### Modular design

Capable of handling a variety of unit loads, the new Nerak spiral conveyors are the ideal solution where a continuous vertical elevation process is required. Applications include end-of-line operations, general warehousing and internet fulfilment. Food-grade versions are also available for food manufacturing environments. Modular design enables the spiral solutions to be configured to suit the customer’s specific conveying needs. “This is particularly useful,” explained Simon Musgrave, “where the product needs to be turned through 90 degrees during elevation, avoiding the need for expensive cross transfer conveyors.”

### Quiet operation

Nerak says that the new spiral products offer quiet operation, low maintenance requirements and a long life. Available in both 400mm and 600mm belt widths, the spiral

elevators offer a capacity of up to 3,000 units per hour. “We have considerable design expertise in-house,” added Simon Musgrave, “so we can tailor our standard solutions in order to solve diverse material handling problems. From initial layout, through the detailed design stages, to manufacture, assembly, installation and commissioning, our team keeps a keen focus on customer service,” he continued, “and close contact is maintained with clients throughout.”

Nerak Wiese provides its vertical elevation solutions to a wide range of industry sectors, with clients including end-users such as John Lewis, Amazon and XPO Logistics, as well as many system integrators such as Dematic, Vanderlande and Swisslog.

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The new spiral conveyor range makes Nerak Wiese a one-stop-shop for vertical elevation.



Food-grade versions are available for food manufacturing environments.



Nerak’s new spiral conveyors can move up to 3,000 units per hour.

# Union deliver the perfect package for Beacon’s new extension

**Union Industries, the UK market leading manufacturer of industrial rapid roll doors, has returned to long-standing client, Beacon Packaging to install a further two of its heavy duty Ramdoors, which will provide easy and safe access to a new storage area.**

Beacon Packaging, the Aldershot-based company, has invested in an extension to its existing facility, which increased its storage capacity and required doors suitable for heavy forklift truck use and also reduce environmental ingress and contamination.

The Ramdoor is efficient, reliable and effective against heavy wind pressures and also features Union’s famous ‘Crash-Out’ damage protection facility, which ensures that the door remains operable if the steel composite bottom beam is hit by a vehicle.

It also comes with free entry into Union’s Lifetime Warranty Scheme. This cover is provided as standard and includes a service visit from Union’s highly trained technicians. The warranty scheme provides peace-of-mind for the customer as well as allowing ease of budgeting

for maintenance of Union’s fast acting doors.

Having previously ordered a Bulldoor and a Ramdoor, Beacon Packaging site now boast four of Union’s high speed doors. The latest additions, which were made to measure, have been installed between its main factory and the new extension and the second, between the new extension and an existing extension.

Beacon Packaging is a large independent converter of board into corrugated boxes and fittings. It occupies an approximate 80,000sq.ft site in Aldershot. Its location allows it to cover Greater London, the Home Counties, Southern Midlands, M4 corridor (into South Wales) and South Coast from Kent to Dorset.

Henry Patterson, Technical Sales Engineer at Union Industries, said: “We’ve been supporting Beacon Packaging since 2008 and it is always rewarding when an existing customer places a new order



Henry Patterson, Technical Sales Engineer at Union Industries, in Beacon Packaging’s new storage area.

– it’s a great endorsement for our products and after-sales service.”

Richard Horrocks, Logistics Manager at Beacon Packaging, said: “The original door Union installed eight years ago is still going strong, which is why we continue to return

to the company whenever we require new fast acting doors. They are extremely reliable and are also

capable of taking a knock, which is important if downtime is to be minimised.”



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